

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN**

JAMES S. POWELL, II, et al.,
individually and on behalf of all others
similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

v.

GENERAL MOTORS LLC,

Defendant.

Case No.: 4:25-cv-10479-SDK-KGA

**STIPULATED ORDER
CONSOLIDATING CASES PURSUANT TO
FED. R. CIV. P. 42(a) AND E.D. MICH. L.R. 42.1**

General Motors (“GM”), jointly with each of the plaintiffs (“Plaintiffs”) in the twelve actions identified below (collectively, the “Actions”), by and through their undersigned counsel, hereby stipulate to consolidate the Actions pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 42(a) and E.D. Mich. L.R. 42.1 before the Honorable Shalina D. Kumar in the Eastern District of Michigan.

1. *Powell v. Gen. Motors LLC*, Case No. 4:25-cv-10479-SDK-KGA (E.D. Mich.), originally filed in this District and presently pending before Judge Kumar;
2. *Ramirez Hernandez v. Gen. Motors LLC*, originally filed as Case No. 2:25-cv-00085-RWS (N.D. Ga.) and subsequently transferred from the Northern District of Georgia to this District on June 12, 2025 (ECF No. 46). Upon transfer to this District, the matter was assigned Case No. 4:25-cv-11797 (E.D. Mich.), was originally assigned to Judge Goldsmith and reassigned to Judge Kumar on June 20, 2025 (ECF No. 4);

3. *Houchin v. Gen. Motors LLC*, Case No. 4:25-cv-11462 (E.D. Mich.), originally filed in this District and assigned to Judge White. Reassigned to Judge Kumar on June 25, 2025 (ECF No. 28);
4. *Hecht v. Gen. Motors, LLC*, originally filed as Case No. 1:25-cv-01004 (N.D. Ohio) and subsequently transferred from the Northern District of Ohio to this District on June 12, 2025 (ECF No. 7). Upon transfer to this District, the matter was assigned Case No. 2:25-cv-11793 (E.D. Mich.), was originally assigned to Judge DeClercq and reassigned to Judge Kumar on July 11, 2025, at Case No. 4:25-cv-11793 (ECF No. 8);
5. *McNamara v. Gen. Motors LLC*, originally filed as Case No. 2:25-cv-02410 (E.D. Pa.) and subsequently transferred from the Eastern District of Pennsylvania to this District on June 16, 2025 (ECF No. 19). Upon transfer, the matter was assigned Case No. 4:25-cv-11811 (E.D. Mich.), was originally assigned to Judge Grey and reassigned to Judge Kumar on July 1, 2025 (ECF No. 7);
6. *Wrice-Scott v. Gen. Motors, LLC*, originally filed as Case No. 2:25-cv-02623 (E.D. Pa.) and subsequently transferred from the Eastern District of Pennsylvania to this District on June 16, 2025 (ECF No. 8). Upon transfer, the matter was assigned Case No. 4:25-cv-11815 (E.D. Mich.), was originally assigned to Judge Berg and reassigned to Judge Kumar on June 18, 2025 (ECF No. 4);
7. *Muhammad v. Gen. Motors, LLC*, originally filed as Case No. 2:25-cv-02655 (E.D. Pa.) and subsequently transferred from the Eastern District of Pennsylvania to this District on June 16, 2025 (ECF No. 8). Upon transfer, the matter was assigned Case No. 4:25-cv-11816 (E.D. Mich.), was originally assigned to Judge Grey and reassigned to Judge Kumar on June 20, 2025 (ECF No. 4);
8. *Rittereiser v. Gen. Motors, LLC*, Case No. 4:25-cv-11481 (E.D. Mich.), originally filed in this District and assigned to Judge Behm. Reassigned to Judge Kumar on June 4, 2025 (ECF No. 10);

9. *Markus v. Gen. Motors LLC*, Case No. 4:25-cv-11821 (E.D. Mich.), originally filed in this District and assigned to Judge Behm. Reassigned to Judge Kumar on June 25, 2025 (ECF No. 11);
10. *Rahaman v. Gen. Motors, LLC*, originally filed as Case No. 2:25-cv-03032 (E.D. Pa.) and subsequently transferred from the Eastern District of Pennsylvania to this District on June 24, 2025 (ECF No. 8). Upon transfer, the matter was assigned Case No. 2:25-cv-11925 (E.D. Mich.), was originally assigned to Judge Leitman and reassigned to Judge Kumar on July 7, 2025, at Case No. 4:25-cv-11925 (ECF No. 7);
11. *John v. Gen. Motors, LLC*, originally filed as Case No. 2:25-cv-00914 (E.D. Wis.) and subsequently transferred from the Eastern District of Wisconsin to this District on June 27, 2025 (ECF No. 6). Upon transfer, the matter was assigned Case No. 2:25-cv-12097, was originally assigned to Judge Michelson and reassigned to Judge Kumar on July 16, 2025 (ECF No. 5) at Case No. 4:25-cv-12097; and
12. *Sherman v. Gen. Motors, LLC*, Case No. 4:25-cv-12032 (E.D. Mich.), originally filed in this District and assigned to Judge McMillion. The matter was reassigned to Judge Kumar on July 15, 2025 (ECF No. 9).

These twelve putative class actions involve similar factual allegations concerning an alleged defect in certain GM vehicles equipped with the 6.2L “L87” V8 engine and they assert overlapping legal claims on behalf of overlapping putative classes. For efficiency and to conserve the resources of the parties and the Court, the parties agree that the Actions should be consolidated pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 42(a).

NOW, THEREFORE, based upon the stipulation of the Parties:

It is ORDERED that the Actions are consolidated for all purposes, including trial.

It is further ORDERED that the parties shall use the case caption for the *Powell* Action in future court filings and that all filings shall be made in the *Powell* Action, Case No. 4:25-cv-10479-SDK-KGA (E.D. Mich.), and that the *Ramirez Hernandez*, *Houchin*, *Hecht*, *McNamara*, *Wrice-Scott*, *Muhammad*, *Rittereiser*, *Rahaman*, *Markus*, *John*, and *Sherman* Actions are hereby closed for administrative purposes.

It is further ORDERED that, given the number of Plaintiffs and counsel involved in the twelve cases, the Court believes it is most efficient to proceed with appointment of interim class counsel pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(g). Counsel for Plaintiffs may either submit a proposed stipulated interim class counsel structure or move for appointment as interim class counsel within fourteen (14) days of this Order. Within fourteen (14) days of an order appointing interim class counsel, they and GM shall submit to the Court a proposed schedule setting deadlines for Plaintiffs to file a Consolidated Complaint and for GM to respond to the Consolidated Complaint.

Dated: August 12, 2025

s/Shalina D. Kumar
Honorable Shalina D. Kumar
United States District Judge

Date: July 31, 2025

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